



INDEA Update

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Lock in September 30 for the State Driver Education Conference

The Criminal Justice Institute has reallocated the funds remaining in the grant that supported our first two state driver education conferences to provide for a third conference.

The INDEA will host the driver education conference and workshops at the Quality Inn in Lebanon, Indiana on September 30, 2005. The Quality Inn is located at the intersection of I-65 and State Road 39 in Lebanon.

The INDEA Board of Directors has established a conference committee to put together the speakers, activities and workshops that will greatly benefit driver education teachers and administrators throughout the state.

More details will be provided as they are confirmed, but mark your calendars now to lock in the date for the first conference hosted by your newly established Association!



Board Members Elected to INDEA

Seven board members were elected from the membership groups of INDEA at the May 30, 2005 meeting. After the meeting, the board met and elected officers. The board named an at-large member, Sherry Deane of Hoosier Motor Club (AAA). A second at-large member will be appointed at the September 30 conference.

Subsequent board meetings will be held utilizing conference calling through the Central Indiana Service Center.



(left to right) Joe Mangia, Cayle Woodard, Stan Henderson, Tom Zackery, Don Huffman, Stu Summers and Tamara Hole.

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Safety Bug Included in State's 2006 Highway Safety Plan

The proposal to purchase three "Safety Bugs" for use around the state has been included in the 2006 Indiana Highway Safety Plan.

While not a guarantee that the proposal will be accepted, it does insure that the funding for the purchase has been earmarked at this point for the acquisition and implementation of the Safety Bug program.

The INDEA Board will keep all members apprised of the status and timetable for the introduction of the Safety Bug program.



The INDEA and the State's Education Service Centers figured prominently in the Safety Bug proposal.

The Association will be responsible for helping to develop, produce and distribute the promotional, support and evaluation materials required for the program.

The INDEA members will also form one of the largest user groups for the Bug in the state.

The Service Centers will administer the grant, promote the program to member and non-member school contacts, and serve as hosts for the training programs necessary for users of the Bugs. The Centers will also become the "home base" for these new additions to our outreach safety programs.

CRASH FACT:

IN 2004, THERE WERE MORE THAN 4,000 FATALITIES RELATED TO MOTORCYCLE CRASHES.

New Governor's Council Convenes

On August 5th, 2005, the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving met for the first time under the new administration with all of its new representatives from the various state Agencies.

Oregon Study Shows Effectiveness of Driver Education

Results from a recent study show that the crash rate for teens taking formal driver education was 11-21% *lower* than those taking 100 hours of practice time with their parents.

John Harvey, Program Manager for the Transportation Safety Division of the Oregon Department of Transportation, discussed the findings at the recent annual meeting of the Association of State Supervisors of Safety and Driver Education (ASSSDE). Harvey is also president of the Association.



The study, completed in January 2005, was based on a review of the driving records of 16 to 19 year-old Oregon drivers. It compared those that had 50 hours of driving practice and a formal driver education course against those that chose 100 hours of driving practice with their parents and no driver education course.

Other dramatic findings:

- (1) The traffic conviction rate for the teens taking formal driver education was 39-57% *lower* than those taking 100 hours of practice time with their parents.
- (2) The driver license suspension rate for the teens taking formal driver education was 51-53% *lower* than those taking 100 hours of practice time with their parents.

While driver education teachers know intrinsically that they are contributing to saving teens from vehicle crashes, injury and death, it is important to see analyses such as this one from Oregon.

The Council handles all federal highway safety funds coming into the state. It also determines traffic safety priorities for the state and promotes legislation that supports the Council's mission.

John Bodeker will serve as proxy for Dr. Suellen Reed as the representative from the Department of Education

The next meeting will be held October 29, 2005 from 12 noon. – 2 p.m. at One North Capital, Suite 900, in Indianapolis.

Indiana State Traffic Safety Initiatives

There are at least three other traffic safety initiatives, in addition to the INDEA, that are currently in the planning stages.

Stephanie Berry with Clarian Health is working through a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to do an environmental scan of what is currently going on in Indiana in the area of young drivers. Once she has completed the review, she will provide a report to ICJI on the various traffic safety initiatives that are targeted to young drivers.

Don Bickel of the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership is in the process of developing a program for use in high schools that addresses speed, seatbelts, alcohol and distracted driving. The program starts by telling the audience that they have just been involved in a crash. They are then taken on a 45-minute journey on what is going to happen to them, their passengers, their friends and their parents as a result of the crash and based on certain variables.

Audiences will watch: (1) two paramedics describing their activity at the crash scene; (2) a police officer detailing his/her duties and actions depending on any laws broken leading to the crash; (3) a prosecutor explaining possible fines and imprisonment to be aggressively sought if laws were violated; (4) a funeral home director describing what will happen if the crash resulted in a fatality. If alcohol was involved, a state excise police officer will talk about the pursuit of whoever supplied the alcohol – including the parents if the alcohol was taken from the home.

This should be a very hard hitting, no nonsense program, and once completed could be used by communities statewide. It might be a program the INDEA may want to promote and/or utilize.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has been developing a Leadership Team for surface transportation safety in Indiana. The team is comprised of the leaders of all state agencies with a role in surface transportation safety.

The team will develop a priority list of traffic safety initiatives to be addressed over time. This team will be a very important component of the

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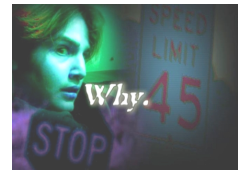
1.2 MILLION PEOPLE DIE IN A MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH EVERY YEAR WORLDWIDE. SOME 50 MILLION ARE INJURED.

State's traffic safety initiatives since there is language in the recently passed federal highway safety reauthorization act that requires each state to create a strategic traffic safety team. The INDEA is included in the current strategic plan draft as it pertains to the issue of young drivers.

The Board will keep the membership informed of these and any other traffic safety efforts in the state, and will become actively involved in initiatives where the Association's participation is deemed appropriate.

Pilot Study Shows DRIVE™ Program Effective; More Workshops This Fall

The reallocation of our remaining grant funds has allowed us to work with Moorshire Group to conduct another series of Drive Program workshops. Six will be conducted in September at the Education Service Centers (ESC) throughout the state.



Watch for details on the locations and dates. Attendees will receive a free Drive Program.

The Drive Program is being evaluated in pilot classrooms in Washington and Hawaii, with upcoming ones in Oregon, Kansas and Rhode Island. Preliminary results have concluded that:

1. A majority of students remembered the scenarios they discussed in their groups – a major finding since 25% of all memory from a learning experience is lost in the first 30 minutes, and 60% is lost in just 24 hours.
2. For those students actually encountering one of the situations they discussed, more than 85% remembered what to do and then did it.
3. For a dangerous incident such as Road Rage, 85.7% of those involved in this situation knew what to do and then executed it.

Board of Directors Conduct INDEA Business

Since the INDEA elected its Board of Directors at the May 6 state conference, the board has met three times via conference call and once in person.

Discussions have produced action items that include the need for a conference committee, a legislative agenda, a budget and guidelines for receipts and expenditures, the development of a plan to implement an Association web site and an open letter to the Commissioner of the BMV introducing him to your Association.

The Board also recommended the design of a new logo. (See below)

The INDEA Logo

We have a new logo! It truly captures the spirit and focus of our Association.

It also reflects the professionalism of this important organization.



MISSION

The mission of the Indiana Driver Education Association is to assist driver education teachers in offering the highest quality driver education training to the citizens of Indiana that is affordable and readily available.

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SIGNAL AHEAD

Your INDEA Board members are looking into projects, demonstrations, speakers and vendors for the September 30 conference.

Please contact any of them with your ideas for the conference (or any other aspect of the Association), including contacts for vendors, speakers and other potential supporters of the INDEA.

We would also ask that you volunteer to help with the many duties necessary for this Association to succeed. INDEA is your association. Make it a significant driver education organization for Indiana.



John Bodeker

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INDEA Conference: May 6, 2005

